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Tiger set to return this month: Report

GOLF Will Tiger Woods emerge on the PGA Tour in Arizona this month at a tournament put on by one of his former sponsors?

According to the Melbourne Herald Sun, Woods will play in the Accenture Match Play Championship at the Dove Mountain course near Tucson.



Tiger Woods used Woods as the financial services company's sole celebrity endorser in its advertising before dropping him as his sex scandal deepened with the revelation of numerous girlfriends extending from New York to Las Vegas and on to Los Angeles.

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Arden Jannin'



Jann Arden performs at the Metro Centre last night in support of her latest album Free. Arden plays a show in Moncton tonight to wrap up her cross-Canada tour.

AG report slams MLA spending

\$2,500 TV, \$740 coffee machine among political expenses claimed

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An explosive report released yesterday by Nova Scotia's auditor general shows members of all three provincial parties are involved in "irresponsible," "inappropriate" and "pervasive" misuse of public money.

One MLA expensed \$8,000 to install a generator in his home. Another spent \$373 to fly a guest with him to Ottawa and that same day expensed \$150 for three MP3 players.

Other expenses include \$740 for an espresso coffee maker, \$2,500 for a 40-inch LCD television, more than \$13,000 for office furniture and \$750 for a GPS unit.

The regulations — set by a group of MLAs to police themselves — were found to be so vague that not only were none of these expenses illegal, most weren't even against the rules.

"The system enables misuse," said auditor general Jacques Lapointe.

"(The rules) are so ambiguous and they are so poor, and they're applied so badly, that it gets to the point where it's hard to say

a lot about any of these, even though it seems obvious to us that this is just wrong."

The list of abuses rolls on for pages — one member expensed 11 computers in three years, one paid \$1,260 to a parking lot company owned by their brother, and 28 members double-dipped at least once by filing expenses for things already covered by an allowance.

The review found many MLAs used expense accounts to make under-the-table payments to staff members. More than \$185,000 was handed to staff over three years with none of it declared for tax purposes.

Lapointe said this likely violates federal tax laws and the province could be on the hook for back taxes.

Several MLAs, including Premier Darrell Dexter, admitted to having expenses named in the report. So far all have said they will give back the money.

Speaker Charlie Parker accepted all of the report's recommendations. He vowed to make changes to clean up MLA finances, but refused to release the list of names of who had misused public money.

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Dealers seem high on the Games

CRIME The Olympic logo is everywhere these days — even the drug trade.

Three people are facing charges following an RCMP raid that targeted synthetic drug distribution in HRM. The drugs seized were brightly coloured tablets of MDMA, commonly known as ecstasy, stamped with the Olympic logo ring.

Police say they seized 12,000 hits of MDMA and a loaded .22 revolver Monday night at a condominium in Bedford and a self-storage locker in Halifax.

Police say the drugs

seized were likely made by organized crime groups in British Columbia and destined for resale in HRM. Police aren't disclosing how the drugs got here.

Police say the street value for each tablet is between \$8 and \$10.

"This typifies the marketing savvy used by organized crime groups to attract young customers by incorporating brightly coloured modern pop-culture symbols," Const. Craig Foley said in a release.

Benjamin Alexander Langille, 26, and Nicholas



'Severe dent'

• Police expect to lay more charges in this case, but Const. Craig Foley said the arrests have made "a severe dent" in its investigation.

Damien Daaboul, 29, both of Bedford, and Lindsay Natasha Dow, a 21-year-old from Bayside, are each facing various drug-related charges.

Police say a 6,500-tablet seizure Dec. 22 in Bedford is also related to this investigation.

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Guns N' Roses take stage tonight

Guns N' Roses featuring lead singer Axl Rose, left, will invade the Halifax Metro Centre tonight for what is sure to be a loud, rockin' good time for fans. The legendary rock band is touring in support of its latest album and will have Danko Jones and Sebastian Bach as opening acts. The show begins at 8 p.m. with tickets costing \$77.50 and \$62.50. Tickets are available at all Ticket Atlantic outlets, online at ticketatlantic.com or by phone at 451-1221.

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Vietnamese orphan on way home

DEPARTURE A Vietnamese boy who came to Canada seeking treatment for a large facial growth began his journey home yesterday after saying goodbye to a community that took him in more than two years ago.

Lugging a hefty travel bag emblazoned with sports logos, Son Pham passed through the Halifax airport with the family that has cared for him since he was discovered in a Vietnamese orphanage in 2006.

Saying little as he played with his caregiver's two young daughters, the 12-year-old headed to Ottawa and Toronto, where he will say goodbye to friends and supporters before arriving back in Hanoi next week.

Olwyn Walter, who took Son into her Halifax home in 2007, said she was thrilled to see how much doctors were able to reduce the malformation on his face, but heartbroken to see him go.

"It's a huge sense of loss," she said before boarding a plane with her daughters and Son for Ottawa.

"But at the same time, knowing that he's going to Vietnam to a wonderful family that loves him ... makes it a lot easier."

Son planned to leave Toronto Sunday and arrive in Hanoi on his 13th birthday, where his foster mother, father and three older sisters were waiting for him. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Contractors sifting millions from school contracts: AG

Profits made as middleman between governments, report says

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Two companies have found a trick to pocket millions of taxpayer dollars for taking money from one level of government and handing it to another.

While much of the attention around yesterday's auditor general's report swirled around MLA expenses, it also revealed deep problems with the province's P3 schools.

Nova Scotia has 39 public-private partnership schools that companies are paid to operate. In two cases, companies then subcontracted the schools back to regional school boards for less money.

The difference they keep is estimated to be \$52 million over 20 years, for essentially being a middleman between two levels of government.

"In my opinion, the department has not met its duty to taxpayers or to students to manage the contracts appropriately," said auditor general Jacques Lapointe.



Nova Scotia auditor general Jacques Lapointe fields questions yesterday at a public accounts committee in Halifax. Lapointe released a report that showed some Nova Scotia politicians filed expense claims that were deemed excessive or inappropriate.

The education department disagreed with the report, saying the payment structure is designed to compensate the companies for building the

schools.

In one case, the contractor did not pass on a cost-of-living increase from the province to the Strait Regional School Board. This

went undetected until the auditor general's staff pointed out the \$700,000 gap.

"If not detected by us, we found nothing to suggest the board would have discovered this error," Lapointe said. "The losses would have continued to climb to the end of the contract."

In another case, the Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board had higher cost overruns in operating the schools. The \$251,000 shortfall was essentially paid by taxpayers twice, the report notes, as it was given to the contractor but also had to be made up from other areas of the board.

The report examined 31 P3 schools in total and deemed safeguards to ensure contract standards were met as "wholly inadequate."

In some cases, contractor employees had not had child-abuse registry checks, criminal-record checks, or first-aid training.

The contracts run for 20 years, with most at about the halfway point.

Politicians disclosing, repaying expenses

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REACTION Premier Darrell Dexter is among the politicians who are repaying the public purse after his expenses were fingered as inappropriate by the auditor general yesterday.

The premier expensed \$2,150 for a digital camera and \$5,500 for two laptop computers for his office. A spokesman said while those charges are within regulations, the premier still plans to repay them in full.

Disclosure from other members has steadily trickled in. Yarmouth MLA Richard Hurlburt spent \$8,000 to have a generator installed in his house. He said the generator was purchased to assist search-and-rescue groups and is

"We're going to focus on fixing the system and making it as responsible to taxpayers as we can."

Speaker Charlie Parker

just in his home to keep it charged.

Agriculture Minister John MacDonell repaid \$13,445 in locally made office furniture.

Preston MLA Keith Colwell and Halifax Citadel MLA Leonard Preyra have also repaid inappropriate expenses.

The man who runs the board controlling the purse strings has also been implicated. Speaker Charlie Parker expensed \$790 for a model of the Ship Hector for his constituency office. He has since reimbursed the government.

"It was purchased from

a local craftsman," Parker said. "The Ship Hector is a large tourist attraction in Pictou. I have it displayed in my office to tourists and locals ... it's really to encourage them to go down to the waterfront to see the actual Ship Hector."

Parker chairs the legislature's Internal Economy Board, which sets rules for political expenses. He said he will not release the names of MLAs mentioned in the report.

"I don't think it's my role to embarrass individual members or single people out ... If they wish to disclose where they're



Darrell Dexter

at in the report, that's their prerogative."

Under repeated questioning about releasing the names,

Parker repeated his goal is now to fix the system to make it more accountable.

"We're going to focus on fixing the system and making it as responsible to taxpayers as we can," he said.

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Looming seal hunt spurs war of words

HAY ISLAND Days before the season opens for hunting grey seals on Hay Island off Cape Breton, anti-hunt activists and sealers were trading verbal jabs yesterday.

The Humane Society International/Canada issued a press release condemning the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Nova Scotia government for allowing the hunt.

Fisheries and Oceans will allow 2,220 seals to be "slaughtered" beginning on or around Monday, the society said.

Robert Courtney, a spokesman for the sealers, has said they hope to harvest the animals but it will depend on finding buyers.

Courtney, president of the North of Smokey Fishermen's Association, scoffed at the humane society's use of the term "slaughter," saying seal hunts have been observed by veterinarians and Fisheries and Oceans officials, who have approved it as a humane harvest.

CAPE BRETON POST

Lahey proceedings to resume in April

CHILD PORN Court proceedings involving a former Nova Scotia Roman Catholic bishop facing child-pornography charges are not scheduled to resume until April 9.

Raymond Lahey, 69, was charged in September with possessing and importing child pornography, 10 days after he was detained by customs officers upon arriving in Ottawa aboard a flight from Britain. Several subsequent court dates have been put off and Lahey has yet to enter a plea.

Police say they found hundreds of files and dozens of videos on Lahey's laptop, many of them showing young males engaged in sex acts.

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News in brief

STABBING An 18-year-old male was taken to the QEII hospital with non-life-threatening injuries last night after being stabbed in the torso in Springfield. Police believe the stabbing occurred outside the Quick Way at Herring Cove Road and Sylvia Avenue about 8 p.m.

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A 21-year-old woman Halifax Regional Police was searching for has been found safe. Police issued a release Tuesday saying Monika Elizabeth Selig hadn't been seen since Jan. 27 when she checked herself without authorization from the Abbey Lane Hospital in Halifax. She was found yesterday morning. **METRO HALIFAX**

Gender factor in graduation: Study

Females more likely to finish post-secondary studies, Education Commission says

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If you're a young woman coming from Ontario to earn an engineering degree in the Maritimes, it's very likely you'll be walking across a stage to collect your diploma in four years time.

If you're a young man from Halifax who stayed home to study history, it might take you a bit longer.

This according to a new report on student persistence released yesterday in Halifax by the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission, which suggests that women, out-of-province students, and students enrolled in applied or professional programs are finishing their

By the numbers

Of a cohort of 9,894 first-year students who enrolled in university in fall 2001:

- 80 per cent were still enrolled at the same university a year after admission

- 60 per cent graduated within six years
- 19 per cent left their first university, only to return within the next five years

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undergraduate degrees more quickly, and more often.

On the flip-side, male students, people attending university in their home province, and Arts and Humanities majors are more likely to take a year off, transfer to a new institution, or drop out altogether.

There are a number of possible explanations for these trends, said Commission CEO Mireille Duguay, but finding those answers

will take time.

"We have to look at some of the factors that fall outside the database that we're using," she said.

"(For example) the ability of women to find a good paying job with a high school diploma is not as good as for men, so that university credential pays more."

Overall, the report states, only 39 per cent of all students attending university in the Maritimes

seem to be following the traditional, four-year road to convocation.

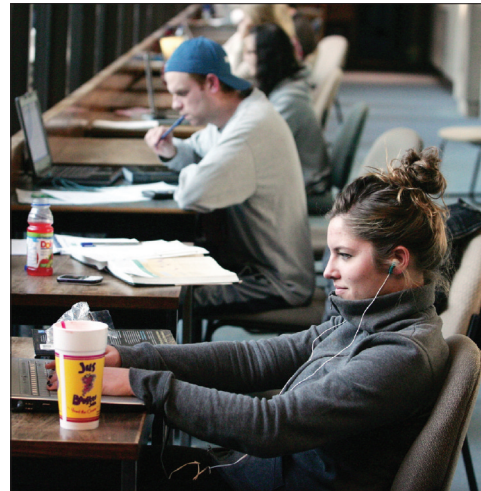
Colin Dodds, president of Saint Mary's University, said that came as no surprise to him.

"Having a student come in, take five courses a semester and graduate in four years just isn't the norm," Dodds said. "It hasn't been the norm at Saint Mary's for years."

The study, which followed a cohort of 9,894 students between 2001 and 2007, did not track students once they left their first university, and did not track students who transferred to a different Maritime institution.

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Second-year kinesiology student Lynne Staples works on her computer inside the Killam Memorial Library at Dalhousie in this October file photo. A new report shows gender, type of program and home province play a role in whether students graduate.

Autistic teen found unharmed

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MISSING A young autistic woman who went missing for nearly 10 hours in sub-zero temperatures Tuesday was found unharmed early yesterday morning.

Police say a member of Halifax Ground Search and Rescue located Jennifer Graves-Smith just after 1 a.m. in the lobby of an apartment building. The 18-year-old student at Halifax West High School did not take her assigned bus home, and was last seen wandering down a wooded path around 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday afternoon.

"When we found her, she was fine," said police spokesman Brian Palmer. "She was checked out by (paramedics) and returned home."

According to Palmer, it remains unclear if Graves-Smith was exposed to the elements the entire time she was missing. At one point Tuesday, the mercury dipped to a bone-chilling -18 C, not including the wind-chill.

"Certainly, given the temperatures we've been having, it was a concern

for us," Palmer said. "Fortunately, she was inside when we found her."

Halifax West principal Gary Walker could not be reached for comment yesterday, but Halifax Regional School board spokesman Doug Hadley said school officials were "relied she was found safe and sound."

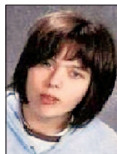
Palmer said this situation was somewhat different from the disappearance of seven-year-old James Delorey in early December.

Delorey, who was also

autistic, wandered away from his Cape Breton home and into the nearby woods right before a major snowstorm hit the area. He was found after 48 hours of intensive searching, but died in hospital the following day.

"We weren't worried so much about (Graves-Smith) wandering off into the woods," Palmer said. "The area where she was last seen was fairly open."

Graves-Smith's parents told the CBC last night they were relieved their daughter was found safe and thankful for everyone who helped in the search to find her.



Jennifer Graves-Smith

Inquiry told Hyde diagnosis is medically unacceptable

INQUIRY The official record says Howard Hyde died of a condition known as excited delirium as he struggled with guards inside a Dartmouth jail cell more than two years ago.

But an inquiry into the sudden death of the mentally ill Nova Scotia man heard yesterday from a clinical psychiatrist who said those who use that term subscribe to an "ideology" he doesn't accept.

Dr. Joseph Noone, an expert on the clinical aspects of violent behaviour, said excited delirium is a term favoured by law enforcement officials and coroners even though it is not accepted as a medical or psychiatric diagnosis.

"I'm not a fan of excited delirium," he testified. "It's a controversial term used strongly in certain areas ... There's a real concern that the term could be misused. ... It's very unsatisfactory from a psychiatry point of view."

The mysterious condition is characterized by several traits, including in-

coherence, paranoia and suddenly intense, violent behaviour marked by extraordinary strength, profuse sweating and an elevated heart rate.

In some cases, individuals die suddenly. Researchers have yet to determine why this happens.

The inquiry has heard Hyde, a 45-year-old musician who was diagnosed with schizophrenia in his 20s, demonstrated most of the traits in the hours before he died on Nov. 22, 2007.

Causes of excited delirium may include schizophrenia and other psychiatric illnesses, drug intoxication, alcohol withdrawal and heat stroke, experts say.

Noone, manager of psychiatric intensive care at the Riverview Hospital in Coquitlam, B.C., produced a report for the inquiry that states use of the term excited delirium when describing cause of death can result in the deceased being labelled as the culprit.

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Howard Hyde

Province completes private land purchase

PROTECTION The Nova Scotia government has completed the purchase of 26,300 hectares of J.D. Irving land in Annapolis, Digby, Yarmouth, and Cumberland counties.

About half will support economic development, recreation activities and potential Mi'kmaq uses while the remainder will be given environmental protection.

Natural Resources Minister John MacDonell says it also brings them closer to their stated goal of protect-

ing at least 12 per cent of the province's land mass. The province confirmed in early January it intended to buy the

26,300

The amount in hectares purchased by the government from J.D. Irving Ltd.

land for \$40 million from its \$75 million budget for large land purchases. Last year, J.D. Irving Ltd. said it was trying to sell 69,000 hectares of timberland in Nova Scotia.

The asking price was not revealed, but it was believed at the time the Irvings wanted about \$100 million.

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Investigation launched into AAA minor hockey brawl

FIGHT Hockey Nova Scotia has suspended five minor midget AAA players and launched a full investigation into the cause of a melee outside the Oxford Arena last weekend.

Tempers heated on ice during a game Saturday between rival teams Cumberland County and Brookfield

flared outside, drawing both players and parents into a physical altercation.

Three Cumberland County players and two Brookfield players will be receiving suspensions.

Cumberland County RCMP is also investigating the post-game brawl

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News in brief

NEW7WONDERS The Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency is getting behind the Bay of Fundy and its campaign to be named as one of the New7Wonders of Nature. The federal government agency, through Tourism Atlantic, announced yesterday they are

contributing \$45,000 to the campaign. ACOA is the latest to back the campaign that's also received funding from New Brunswick Tourism and Parks, Nova Scotia Tourism, Culture and Heritage, as well as tourism business operators throughout New Brunswick

and Nova Scotia.

SOIL The Department of National Defence has provided a clearer image of its remediation plans to remove more than 58,000 tonnes of hydrocarbon contaminated soil at a former Sydney radar base. During a public meeting at a Syd-

ney hotel this week, Lisa Ripley, a civil engineer with DND in Ottawa, said plans to clean the site include removing contaminated soil and hauling it to a landfill where it can be used to cover garbage.

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Quebec Health Minister Yves Bolduc has turned down a request by some of the province's doctors that each be reimbursed \$704 per day for volunteer work in earthquake-ravaged Haiti. Bolduc said it would set a precedent for other groups that want to donate their time for free. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Tories aim to cancel Parliamentary breaks

Faced with mounting criticism over its decision to prorogue Parliament, the Conservatives are moving to cancel week-long breaks once MPs return to the Commons next month. The decision, which needs approval by all parties, would force MPs to sit through a period when many of them take time off with their families. The Conservatives have seen a sustained drop in popularity since Prime Minister Stephen Harper, left, announced on Dec. 30 he was suspending Parliament to recalibrate the government's agenda. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Censure Tories: Scholar

Professor says opposition should demand Afghan docs

A top constitutional scholar is urging opposition MPs to use the drastic and rarely invoked parliamentary power of censure to pry uncensored documents on Afghan prison abuse out of the Harper government's hands.

Errol Mendes, a law professor at the University of Ottawa, told an ad-hoc committee of opposition MPs yesterday that the government's refusal to hand over the documents is unconstitutional and "makes a mockery of Parliament."

He said they have a duty to hold the Conservatives to account, especially on questions as serious as the

"For the first time I know in Canadian history, the executive is saying we are superior to Parliament."

Errol Mendes, University of Ottawa

country's conduct during the war.

The government has refused to turn over defence and foreign affairs records to the special House of Commons committee on Afghanistan, saying the documents contain sensitive and classified information that can't be shared with MPs without secret clearance.

"The core complaint that I see that you have is that executive is really

placing itself above Parliament, Mendes said. "For the first time I know in Canadian history, the executive is saying we are superior to Parliament."

Just before Parliament recessed for Christmas, the Liberals pushed through a motion that would have required the government to produce the records or face a motion of censure.

Louis Riel was the last MP to face parliamentary

censure in Canada — well over a century ago.

Riel, the leader of the Red River Rebellion by the Metis, was called to the bar of the Commons for his role in the uprising. He was expelled from Parliament on April 16, 1874 and later hanged for leading the Northwest Rebellion in 1885.

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Ontario Fantino charge dropped



Activist Gary McHale with his wife, Christine, at the courthouse in Cayuga, Ont., yesterday. McHale says the Crown did not have the right to yesterday withdraw a charge he brought against OPP Commissioner Julian Fantino who was charged with trying to influence municipal officials in connection with the occupation in Caledonia. McHale said he's seeking a review in Superior Court.

Agency has a problem: Cannon

RIGHTS Amidst bitter internal turmoil, accusations of political meddling and a growing storm of international protest, Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon is conceding that a government-funded rights agency has a "governance problem."

Cannon says he wants to meet with Aurel Braun, chair of Rights and Democracy, to get a handle on the problems that have made headlines.

"I can tell you that I intend to have a discussion in the very near future with the chairman of Rights and Democracy in order to get this view and his perspective of things," Cannon said yesterday. "Obviously there seems to be a governance structure problem here. So I'll be looking at that."

But at the same time, Cannon sought to distance himself from the troubles that have raised questions about the independent and non-partisan mission of the agency. "I want to make one thing perfectly clear. I do not intervene in terms of the discussions that are held at the board level. Mine is to make sure that this organization is smoothly running and that it functions correctly," he said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Evidence heard in Rideau Canal deaths

ONTARIO A Montreal woman accused of killing three of her daughters sobbed as the Crown began revealing some of the evidence against her.

Tooba Mohammad Yahya, her husband, and their 19-year-old son are each charged with four counts of first-degree murder and four counts of conspiracy to commit murder.

Last June, three teenage sisters and a 50-year-old woman were found dead in a car submerged near a lock in the Rideau Canal in Kingston Mills, Ont.

Tuesday marked the

start of a preliminary hearing that is scheduled to continue for about four weeks.

A sweeping publication ban prohibits reporting of evidence heard at the hearing, which is held to determine if there are grounds for a trial.

Two Crown lawyers introduced two thick books of evidence and the woman sobbed loudly as the two police officers testified.

The evidence that provoked the outburst cannot be reported.

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News in brief

SURGERY Premier Danny Williams was sequestered in an undisclosed U.S. hospital Wednesday as he prepared for a medical procedure that has triggered ridicule south of the border about Canada's health system but support at home for the popular politician.

KHADR The Conservative government will not be asking the United States to send prisoner Omar Khair home to Canada, despite a Supreme Court ruling last week that found his Charter rights were — and continue to be — violated.

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Former dictator awarded millions

In an embarrassment to Switzerland's government, the country's top court said yesterday that at least \$4.6 million US in Swiss bank accounts previously awarded to Haitian charities must be returned to the family of Haiti's ex-dictator Jean-Claude (Baby Doc) Duvalier, left. The amount of money contested could feed more than a million Haitians for two weeks. Many Haitians accuse Duvalier and his entourage of robbing millions from public funds before he was ousted in 1986. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Haitian parents say they willingly gave up kids

Haiti Crisis

Desperate parents in a struggling village perched above Haiti's earthquake-flattened capital said they gave their children away willingly, trusting the American missionaries who promised to take them to a better life.

The stories the villagers told The Associated Press yesterday contradict claims by the Baptist group's leader that the children came from orphanages or were handed over by distant relatives. But they also attest to the misery of a nation that was the hemisphere's poorest even before the Jan. 12 earthquake struck.

The 10 Baptists, most from Idaho, were arrested last week trying to take 33 Haitian children across the border into the Dominican Republic without the required documents, according to Haitian authorities, who have accused them of child trafficking. The Americans are to appear to-

"It's only because the bus was full that more children didn't go."

Melanie Augustin, who said she gave her daughter, 10, to a U.S. church group

day before a prosecutor who will decide whether to file charges or release them, Communications Minister Marie-Laurence Jocelyn Lasgague said.

Standing amid piles of debris that used to be their homes and the makeshift shelters of tin and plastic sheeting that have replaced them, the people of Calabas told how they came to surrender their children.

It all began last week when a local orphanage worker, fluent in English and acting on behalf of the Baptists, convened nearly the entire village of 500 people on a dirt soccer field

to present the Americans' offer.

Isaac Adrien, 20, told his neighbours the missionaries would educate their children in the neighbouring Dominican Republic, the villagers said, adding they were also assured they would be free to visit their children there.

Many parents jumped at the offer.

"It's only because the bus was full that more children didn't go," said Melanie Augustin, a 58-year-old who gave her 10-year-old daughter, Jovin, to the Americans. Ironically, Augustin had adopted Jovin because her birth parents couldn't afford to care for her.

Adrien said he met the Baptists' leader, Laura Silsby of Meridian, Idaho, in Port-au-Prince Jan. 26. She told him she was looking for homeless children, he said, and he knew exactly where to find them.

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Iraq Another attack on Shiite pilgrims



Shiite pilgrims hit themselves to mark Arbæen, one of the holiest days in their religious calendar in Karbala, Iraq, yesterday. A bomb planted on a parked motorcycle exploded on the outskirts of Karbala early yesterday amid tight security for the huge religious procession, killing 23 people. It was the second attack this week on the huge religious processions for annual observances.

News in brief

DARFUR The International Criminal Court will again consider charging Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir with genocide in Darfur, after an appeals panel ruled that judges made an "error in law" when they refused to indict him on that charge last year. "He should get a lawyer," court prosecutor Luis Moreno Ocampo said after ruling yesterday. He accused al-

Bashir of keeping 2.5 million refugees from specific ethnic groups in Darfur in camps "under genocide conditions, like a gigantic Auschwitz."

FRANCE Authorities are denying citizenship to a man who forced his wife to wear a face-covering veil, saying he had rejected national values of secularism and gender equality. The French government has

been speaking out strongly against head-to-toe veils, and is moving toward banning them in public. Critics call the face-covering veil a gateway to Muslim extremism. Little is known about the man or his wife. News reports said the man is a Moroccan citizen and a member of the hard-line Tablighi movement.

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Swiss to resettle two Gitmo detainees

The Swiss government said yesterday that they will resettle two Chinese Muslim brothers detained at Guantanamo Bay. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Straight out of Hollywood

Man accused of forging \$1 million in bogus checks

A former public defender printed \$1 million US in bogus payroll checks so he could gamble at casinos from Florida to California, in a case reminiscent of the 2002 film Catch Me if You Can.

New Orleans Sheriff's spokesman Lt. Ed Baswell said yesterday Charles Bradford, 47, has had no fixed address since getting out of prison in 2006, is wanted in Arkansas, California, Florida, Kansas and Ohio, and may have operated in other states.

"This was a little reminiscent of 'Catch Me if You Can,'" Baswell said, referring to the 2002 film about

check forger and con artist Frank Abignale Jr., who went on to help the FBI catch other check forgers.

Bradford apparently told investigators he could help businesses avoid being conned by people like him, Baswell said. It is unknown where Bradford had practised law, but Baswell said he was a former public defender who apparently went crooked in 1988, when he was arrested on charges of impersonating a federal ATF agent with stolen credentials.

"Apparently in 1987, his mother passed away, and he kind of uses that as a reference point as to when he

began a life of crime," Baswell said. "I don't know if he was deeply affected by the death of his mother and that triggered what he has done in recent years. But that seems to be the dividing line."

Bradford also was arrested on charges of robbing several banks and stealing a Kansas sheriff's identity, Baswell said.

Bradford allegedly would go to a casino town, check the phone book for local businesses, create counterfeit payroll checks — often using logos taken from their websites — and recruit people to cash them.

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News in brief

TEXAS A 22-year-old woman allegedly stabbed her two young sons to death, then calmly held her wrists out to police officers who arrived at her home and told them "I just killed my babies." Elyse Marsyl Colon was being held yesterday on two counts of capital murder of a child for allegedly

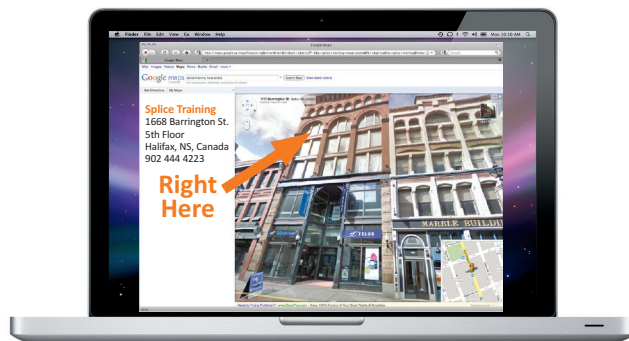
killing her sons, Jose Luis Garcia, 3, and one-year-old Guillermo Garcia. Police made previous calls to the home for family violence, records show.

ENERGY A presidential task force has recommended spending more money to make biofuels such as ethanol, saying the U.S. is likely to fall short

of mandates for more environmentally friendly energy. An energy task force presented U.S. President Barack Obama with a report outlining how the United States' production of fuel from plants or animals was unlikely to meet the goal Congress has demanded.

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We vs. I, me and you

Relating

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According to the latest cutting-edge relationship science from the University of California, Berkeley, the key to peace, love and happiness for couples is using the word "we," instead of divisive singular pronouns like "I," "me" and "you," which may ramp up conflict.

Psychologists observed 154 couples in conversations about relationship conflicts and found that couples who tended to use "we" more also tended to have fewer negative emotional and physiological reactions over the course of the conversation.

The word seemed to

have a soothing effect on the partners and create a sense of togetherness, although I'm sure there are context-based exceptions (Classics like "We need to talk," or "We should see other people," come to mind).

Simple, right?

Maybe, but before you go "we, we, we" all the way home, let us try to square this insight with other research into pronoun choice at the University of Texas.

James Pennebaker, developer of language analysis software called Linguistic Inquiry and Word Count (LIWC), has found that when people lie, they tend to use fewer first-person pronouns in order to distance themselves from the bogus statements. By um, replacing "I" with

"we," for example.

So, do these studies, taken together, suggest deception is the secret to a happy relationship? Some of us would be more surprised than others to discover that was the case.

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Pennebaker and colleagues have also noted that women tend to use "we" more than "I" in everyday speech. This

does not make women more (or less) apt to be lying, of course. So, is the message to men either that they should prevaricate more or just be more like women? It seems less than helpful, either way.

In the Berkeley study, older couples tended to be bigger users of "we" than middle-aged couples. Younger people weren't even studied, and perhaps

that's important. After a few decades together, a couple has more cause to see themselves as a "we." It doesn't necessarily follow, however, that simply using the word is the way to rack up those decades. I'm going to guess that there's a little more to it than inclusive pronoun use.

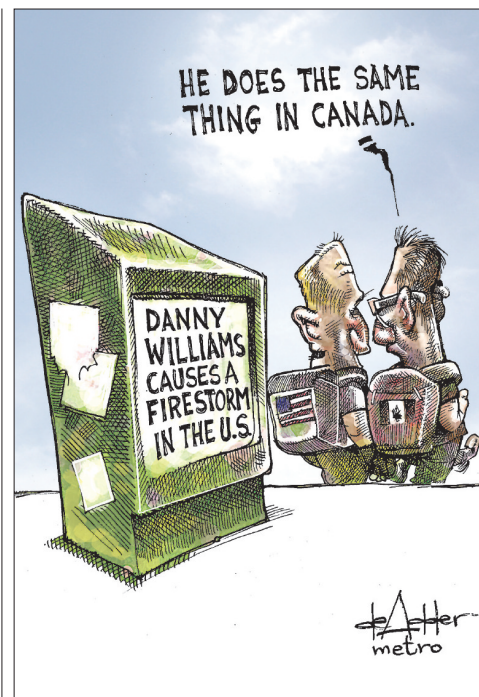
It's not hard to imagine circumstances in which all this "we" business could cause more trouble than it solves. It's probably a little much on the first date, for example.

Beware also the dreaded "royal we," with which a dominant partner increasingly presumes to speak for the couple.

And then there's the flip-side of the royal — the patronizing "diminutive we." Sample usage: "Are we a little grumpy today?"

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Maine Metal for the pedal



Dan Daigle, service manager at Lee Toyota, holds a shim that will be used to repair springs in the gas pedal systems of recalled Toyota automobiles, yesterday, in Topsham, Maine. Toyota has issued the parts to fix sticky gas pedals but the 4.2 million customers affected by the recall will have to wait until technicians are trained. Now complaints about brake problems with the Prius hybrid are surfacing.

Squaw Valley ski resort sold

REAL ESTATE Intrawest ULC has sold all of its real estate holdings at Squaw Valley ski resort in California, the most recent in a string of asset sales before the financially troubled resort giant goes on the auction block later this month.

Intrawest sold The Village at Squaw Valley, a former Olympic venue, to Squaw Valley USA, which already owns on-mountain operations at the Lake Tahoe ski resort in Olympic Valley, Calif., last week.

Financial details were not disclosed.

The European-style village was built by Intrawest in 2002 at the bottom of the site of the 1960 Winter Olympic Games, Squaw Valley USA.

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Cuts, growth won't kill deficit: Ex-official

Flaherty will need to raise taxes, says expert

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty faces a dilemma in preparing for the March 4 budget — to what extent will it be a political or economic document.

So far, Flaherty has maintained he can balance the budget in the not too distant future without raising taxes, without cutting transfers to provinces and individuals, and without deep, painful cuts to government programs.

In doing so, Flaherty would count on steady economic growth to increase government revenues to such an extent that five, six, seven or eight years down the road — and poof, there goes the deficit.

The approach has political appeal because it tells voters they don't have to give up anything.

But several former policy-makers who were involved the last time Ottawa eliminated a stubborn fiscal deficit say it can't be done without pain and higher taxes.

And they say the minister

Approach

• A group of economists who met with Flaherty on Tuesday suggested the deficit may be tacked within five-to-eight years without taking draconian measures.

would be doing Canadians a service by coming clean.

Former Liberal finance minister John Manley, former deputy finance minister Scott Clark and parliamentary budget watchdog Kevin Page, also a former Finance official, told a panel discussion yesterday that the deficit, now a small problem, could become a big one if plans aren't made to tackle it soon.

And they argue, while some estimates of a chronic \$20-billion deficit five years down the road doesn't sound like a big problem, it's unlikely the government can grow the economy enough to erase it.

"No advanced country in the world has ever grown itself out of deficit," Clark

said. "I've been there, I've seen that movie, seen the sequel."

Cutting spending won't work either, he added, because once transfers and protected programs are excluded from the \$200-billion plus discretionary budget, the government has only about \$50 billion it can reasonably target. Finding significant savings from such a small pot will be difficult, he said, if not impossible.

The only dissenter in the panel discussion was CIBC chief economist Avery Shenfeld, who said Canada's deficit problems are manageable and can wait until the recovery is assured.

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AIG set to pay out big bonuses: Report

BAILOUT American International Group Inc. is set to pay out about \$100 million US in a fresh round of bonuses to employees of its financial products division, the unit whose risky bets helped sink the company leading to a \$180 billion government bailout, according to reports published Tuesday.

AIG agreed to cut the retention bonuses by \$20 million but was still to hand out \$100 million yesterday, The New York Times reported, citing people with knowledge of the negotiations.

The Washington Post, also citing people familiar with the situation, said the retention payments are for employees at the division who agreed to accept 10 to 20 per cent less than AIG had initially promised them two years ago. In return, they are getting their

money more than a month ahead of schedule.

AIG is still due to pay out tens of millions of dollars more in March, mostly to former employees who did not agree to the concessions, the Post reported.

A message was left with an AIG spokesman seeking comment. New York-based AIG faced intense public and Congressional criticism last March when it paid out hundreds of millions of dollars in retention bonuses to employees months after receiving the government bailout.

When the credit crisis hit in the fall of 2008, the U.S. government rescued AIG from the brink of collapse in exchange for an 80 per cent stake in the insurer. AIG's near collapse was not due to its traditional operations, but instead risky derivatives contracts.

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Sports



Farine on a roll

Simon Farine poured in 32 points as the Dalhousie Tigers (10-5) beat the Acadia Axemen 87-71 in Atlantic University Sport men's basketball play last night at Dalplex. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Tankard ripe with upsets

Seedings don't seem to matter much at Brier qualifier

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Ryan Garven didn't waste any time making a name for himself at the Molson Tankard yesterday afternoon.

In his career debut at the Nova Scotia men's curling championship, Garven blasted defending champion and second-ranked Mark Dacey 11-2 in the afternoon draw at the Mayflower Curling Club in the most surprising result of the day.

The Mayflower skip is seeded 15th and hasn't curled competitively for several years, making the upset victory over a former Brier champ that much more impressive.

"Mark's a tough guy to try to figure out — he's one of the best curlers in the world," Garven said. "But we were up for the challenge. We played our best and the guys on my team stepped up and put a lot of shots together."

Garven, along with mate Peter MacPhee, second

Brad Meisner and lead Rob MacArthur, will face Chris Sutherland today at 9 a.m. in the modified triple-knockout event.

"Hopefully we show up and play just as well as today," he said.

Garven's wasn't the only upset victory yesterday. Unaffiliated Mark Robar, ranked 16th, took down No. 1 Shawn Adams 6-5 in the morning, showing the strength and depth of the field at this year's Tankard.

The coveted spot at next month's Brier at the Metro Centre won't be secured easily.

"I might have sat out the past couple of years, watching from behind the glass, but this might be the most competitive Tankard we've had in a long time," Garven said.

Teams off to 2-0 starts are Doug MacKenzie and Jamie Murphy, both of Mayflower. Unbeaten at 1-0 are Garven and clubmate Ian Fitzer-LeBlanc; Chester's Chad Stevens; and Sutherland, who is unaffiliated. Adams won last night and is 1-1.

"This might be the most competitive Tankard we've had in a long time."

Ryan Garven



Ryan Garven calls a shot while opponent Mark Dacey looks on during yesterday's afternoon draw at the 2010 Molson Tankard at the Mayflower Curling Club. Garven beat Dacey, the defending champion, 11-2, in an all-Mayflower battle.

SCOREBOARD

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HALIFAX	6	2	.750	2
Rochester	5	1	.833	2
Lawton-Fort Still	4	2	.667	3
Maryland	2	5	.285	5.5
Buffalo	2	5	.285	5.5
Vermont	1	4	.200	5.5
Manchester	2	6	.285	6
Quebec	1	6	.142	6.5

Buffalo at HALIFAX, 2 p.m.

QMJHL	W	L	S/O	P
d-Saint John	42	8	1	85
d-Drummondville	35	14	2	72
d-Quebec	32	14	7	71
d-Rouyn-Noranda	31	19	4	66
Moncton	36	12	4	76
Victoriaville	34	17	2	70
Cape Breton	30	18	5	65
P.E.I.	29	19	6	64
Shawinigan	26	20	7	59
Rimouski	25	21	6	56
Gatineau	24	21	5	53
Montreal	24	22	5	53
Chicoutimi	19	24	8	46
Val-d'Or	19	28	6	44
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HALIFAX	11	37	4	26

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Rainmen, RazorSharks eyeing top spot

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BASKETBALL The Halifax Rainmen and Rochester RazorSharks are in the same position: Looking up at the unbeaten Puerto Rico Capitanes in the Premier Basketball League standings.

The Capitanes (8-0) are without a doubt the class of the PBL so far but have had a distinct advantage: All eight of their wins have come at home, and they're about to head out on a grueling nine-game road trip from Feb. 13 to March 13. Halifax (6-2) and Rochester (5-1) could easily make the battle for first interesting during that stretch.

"Puerto Rico's gonna find out that you have to play on the road," said Ra-

zorSharks head coach Rod Baker. "You ain't gonna play all your games at home. And they're gonna find out — real quick — that it's difficult to win on the road."

ROSTER SET, FOR NOW

After a month of numerous roster moves, the Rainmen are moving forward with the current group in the hopes it will continue to build chemistry.

"We didn't move our core guys ... We were just trying to get better at our big spot," said Rainmen owner Andre Levingston. "We look pretty stable there now ... and we're

pretty happy with what we're seeing right now."

HOT HAND

Desmond Ferguson has been shooting three-balls at an astonishing rate lately. After struggling early in the season, the crafty 32-year-old has nailed 21-of-39 in his past five games and has a season percentage of 43.75.

ATTENDANCE UP

The Rainmen are averaging crowds of 3,649 through four games. That's up from last year's 2,778, which was up from 1,810 in the inaugural 2007-08 campaign.

"Halifax supports winners," Levingston said.



For more Rainmen coverage on Twitter follow:
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Tigers, Verlander said to have \$80M deal

Pitcher Justin Verlander and the Detroit Tigers have reportedly agreed to an \$80 million, five-year contract. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Team Prince Edward Island skip Kathy O'Rourke throws her rock as lead Tricia Affleck, left, and Geri-Lynn Ramsay sweep while playing against Team Quebec yesterday in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

Standings shaken up at Scotties tournament

Krista McCarville seemed to be the team to beat heading into yesterday's action at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts, coming off an emphatic win over Prince Edward Island that gave her sole possession of first place in the standings.

What a difference a day makes.

McCarville dropped both her games yesterday and fell into a tie for second place after 14 draws at the Scotties.

One-day meltdowns are becoming a trend at this year's edition of the Canadian women's curling championship. On Monday, Jennifer Jones' Canada rink dropped a pair of games after entering the day's ac-

Nova Scotia

• B.C.'s Kelly Scott defeated Nova Scotia's Nancy McConnery 8-7 in 11 ends. Nova Scotia scored a pair in the eighth end to open up a 7-4 lead. B.C. tied things up in the tenth end with a pair.

tion undefeated at 3-0.

McCarville dropped decisions to Manitoba's Jill Thurston in the morning draw and Sharon Cormier of the Northwest Territories/Yukon in the afternoon draw.

P.E.I. took advantage of McCarville's stumble and moved into first overall at 7-2, while Ontario fell into a second-place tie with Cana-

da and Manitoba at 6-3.

"When you lose your first game you wouldn't mind a little bit of a break just to regroup and forget about it," McCarville said. "Everyone is doing the same thing though, it's not an excuse. Now we just have to regroup for tomorrow."

Being near the top of the standings heading into the final day of the round robin is key for the McCarville rink as the playoff round kicks off on Friday.

"We're still in the hunt which is a good thing," McCarville said. "We only have three losses so it's still in our control. We don't have to worry about other teams winning or losing for us. It's still in our hands."

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Sports in brief

NHL The Columbus Blue Jackets have fired coach Ken Hitchcock less than two weeks before he'll step behind the bench as an assistant with Team Canada at the Vancouver Games. Assistant coach Claude Noel was chosen to lead the team on an interim basis.

SOCCER Spain has kept the top spot in FIFA's world rankings, and Africa Cup of Nations winner Egypt surged into the top 10. European

champion Spain is followed by Brazil and Netherlands in standings published yesterday. Canada is tied with Poland after falling one spot to 57th.

BOXING Floyd Mayweather Jr. finalized a deal yesterday to fight Sugar Shane Mosley May 1 in a welterweight bout at the MGM Grand Garden in Las Vegas.

SOCCER Jermain Defoe's hat trick sent Tottenham into the FA Cup fifth round with a 3-1

victory over third-tier Leeds yesterday.

BASEBALL Casey Kotchman and the Mariners have agreed to a one-year contract worth \$3,517,500 US, settling Seattle last salary arbitration case this year.

NHL The Carolina Hurricanes have activated defenceman Joe Corvo while placing forward Tuomo Ruutu on injured reserve.

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No Jamaican bobsled team?

Jamaica's bid to get its four-man bobsled into the Winter Olympics appears to have failed. A preliminary list of sleds that have entered the Olympics, obtained by The Associated Press yesterday, did not show Jamaica in the field. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Vancouver Games

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Sliding into place

Hollingsworth in position to win skeleton gold

The track is clear for Mellisa Hollingsworth to bring home Olympic gold in skeleton.

The 29-year-old Alberta slider with the horse skull on her helmet leads a strong Canadian contingent to the Vancouver Olympics, racing Feb. 18-19.

Hollingsworth obliterated all comers on this year's World Cup circuit: Seven podium finishes in eight races and two gold medals.

The woman from Eckville, in the foothills of central Alberta, is the top-ranked skeleton slider in the world.

"To have success on such diverse tracks all over the world is key,"

On the web 

Learn more about
Mellisa Hollingsworth
in an interactive profile at
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said Hollingsworth, who won a bronze medal at the Turin Olympics in 2006.

"That shows my driving skills, my ability, my equipment — everything is on track. You just build on that momentum."

The highest-rated men's slider on the six-athlete squad is Jon Montgomery. And if Hollingsworth and her 5,000-watt smile is the face of the team, then the 30-year-old tousle-haired redhead from Russell, Man., is its heart.

When the team was for-

mally announced in the packed gym at Calgary's Olympic Heights elementary school, Montgomery, palms out at ankle level, zipped up the aisle, high-fiving — or more accurately low-fiving — the cheering flag-waving students. Teammates followed suit and the energy level went through the roof.

"I have all the tools necessary to get it done. It's just a matter of putting it all together on race day," said Montgomery.

He heads to his first Olympics after a season that saw him ranked fifth overall, including a win in Cesana. He won the pre-Olympic test event in Whistler last February.

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Mellisa Hollingsworth competes in the FIBT Bob & Skeleton World Cup Nov. 20 at the Olympic Sports Complex in Lake Placid, N.Y.

Other skeleton stars to watch

- **Martins Dukurs, Latvia:** The 25-year-old slider grew up on the country's one track, in Sigulda. He won half the races on the World Cup circuit this year, and is ranked No. 1.
- **Kerstin Szymkowiak, Germany:** The 32-year-old "Ice Tiger" makes her first Games appearance and comes in on a roll. She was on the podium in the last five World Cup races and is ranked third.
- **Shelley Rudman, England:** The 28-year-old won silver in Turin in 2006 and heads to Vancouver ranked No. 2 overall.

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Give your walls a personal touch

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for Metro Canada



Wall decals, decorative clocks, candle wall sconces — gone are the days of simply wallpapering and hanging a painting. Just as a home's decor allows one's personality to shine through, a home's walls offer individuals a blank canvas in which to express themselves.

"I think overall when it comes to adorning your walls it always comes down to expressing your personality," said Margot Austin, senior design editor at Style at Home magazine. "Regardless of trends you have to go with what speaks to you, what speaks to your heart, what gives you energy, what you love."

Create dimension for bare walls with a gallery of art hung salon-style — combining art of different sizes, styles and framing with mixed media like photographs and lithographs.

Changing up wall decor with such conversation pieces as a rug or tapestry, metal sculptures, Asian scroll art, sleek shelving, wall vases with dainty flowers, or a funky wall applique that speaks your mind can breathe new life into a room.

"People feel they are not qualified (to hang wall art) but we have to get past that and go for it," said Austin, at Style at Home for seven years. "Be inspired by pictures in a magazine and make it happen. Making a big statement is a great idea."



The Tara Wall Sconce has a polished chrome finish with crystal pendants and glass accents. Canadian Tire, \$49.99, canadiantire.ca.

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Style

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Tee to help Haiti

To help raise funds for Haiti, Jacob has designed a special T-shirt that will be sold for \$15 at all of its Jacob and Jacob Connexion stores across the country starting Friday. One hundred per cent of the proceeds will go to Oxfam for the reconstruction of Haiti; the goal is to reach \$150 000. Designed by Jacob's graphic design team, the image on the shirt shows a helping hand shaped by hand-written sentences, several of which are in Haitian Creole.

METRO NEWS SERVICE

It's all in the *genes*

Edgy, sophistic label Genetic Denim gets wider release

ANN-MARIE COLACINO
for Metro Canada



Ali Fatourechi knows what women want... Well, at least when it comes to denim.

His styles are worn by the likes of such A-listers as Anne Hathaway, Shakira and Halle Berry and are now making their way (with a wider release starting this month) to Canada.

He is the founder of Genetic Denim, a brand he spent years developing, including a one-year stint of market research.

In 2006, the American-based designer embarked on what he calls a denim tour across the United States to ask mostly women and some men what they wanted in a pair of jeans.

Traveling in a U-Haul across 42 cities for a year might not seem like the most glamorous of ventures, but when you see the end result of Fatourechi's market research it all makes sense.

After interacting with 20,000 consumers, he designed a collection that utilizes top-quality fabrics with washes and cuts from around the world. The brand is designed to accutate each individual's assets while maintaining the ultimate in comfort.

When asked the secret to the jeans' softness, Fa-



"(My denim detailing) is for the fashion-forward leader that walks with a swagger and 'owns' what she wears and who she is."

Ali Fatourechi, Genetic Denim founder

tourechi remains covert: "I travelled the four corners of the earth looking to develop the softest fabrics. It's the yarn I use and the mills I work with... that's all I can say."

During a recent visit to Toronto, he also shared some of the key lessons he learned from his travels. "You're only as good as your first five inches below the waistband. If the jeans don't fit within the first five inches below the waistband as a denim brand you're dead in the water."

"All women care about how their hips, crotch and backside look in a pair of jeans," explains Fatourechi. To address these concerns, his spring/summer 2010 line includes styles like The Shane, a cigarette cut, The Riley, a classic boot-cut, The James, a cigarette cut with zippers, and The Davis, a slouchy cigarette style that is a sexy update of the classic boyfriend silhouette.

The line also includes a variety of jackets, vests, shorts, skirts and even a jogging pant, ranging from \$225 to \$275.

Once he addressed the

major structural aspects of his denim brand, Fatourechi decided to incorporate some unique touches into his pieces. The first begins with the brand's name, which is a reference to human DNA, "The only thing that makes you unique in this world." That message is also embedded in the actual clothing with DNA helix and "XX" or "XY" embroidery on each item.

Sequined patches under distressed jeans as well as studding, lacing and zippered details are also subtleties that give the brand a "twist," says Fatourechi.

"It's for the fashion-forward leader that walks with a swagger and 'owns' what she wears and who she is."

Where to buy

- Genetic Denim's spring collection debuts at Aritzia stores tomorrow. It will also be available at Holt Renfrew throughout the month. Visit geneticdenim.com for more information.

Genetic Denim's Walker jeans (\$238).



Genetic Denim's James jeans (\$238).

Genetic Denim's Johnny jean jacket (\$278).

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Meaghan follows retro path

Meaghan Smith

Album: *The Cricket's Orchestra*

Label: Warner

Rating: ●●●●

THIS WELL-OILED debut LP by London, Ont., native Meaghan



Smith follows a retro-path already well trodden by fellow Canadian songstresses Jill Barber, Sarah Harmer and Melissa McClelland. Smith was looking for a sound reminiscent of the '30s and '40s and found it with Toronto-based producer Les Cooper who wove similar magic into Barber's last offering, *Chances*. The strings, horns and organ add charm without overpowering the light-hearted appeal of Smith's voice. There's nothing wrong with old. As a matter of fact, old is a lot better than a lot of

the garbage currently on the radio. Fast-forwarding a few decades, however, might make more sense for Meaghan Smith's next outing.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Martha & The Muffins

Album: *Delicate*

Label: Muffin Music

Rating: ●●●●

MARTHA AND THE MUFFINS

used to be Canadian music royalty — they released *Echo Beach* three decades ago to international acclaim. But that was then. Today you'd be hard pressed to find a new music fan who knows anything about the group. That could



The Cricket's Orchestra is the debut album from Meaghan Smith.

change with *Delicate*, the group's first disc in 18 years. The album harkens back to the act's new wave roots. Martha Johnson's

monotone vocals have barely changed, and the group's thickly layered rock is straight out of the '80s. The music isn't as engaging as it once was, but it's a much better listen

than many reunion discs out there.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Haiti handbag

Scarlett Johansson has designed a handbag to raise money for Haiti. The actress has sketched designs for a stylish ivory bag with a map print, which will be sold at Mango. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

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The Album Leaf

Album: *A Chorus of Storytellers*

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Rating: ●●●●

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playing dreamy, low-key music, Jimmy LaValle, the man behind The Album Leaf, has finally recorded with a full band. The results are exactly what you'd expect — the songs are more complex and more ambitious than his previous work. He's still producing interesting stuff, but it's not as immediate as his last record and, frankly, a lot of bands are already doing what he's doing. He's lost some of his uniqueness here, but the songs are still as atmospheric as ever.

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Super producer

Smallville's Tom Welling may be back on The CW next season — at least as a producer. The network has picked up a Welling-produced dramedy pilot set in world of competitive college cheerleading titled Hellcats. It's Election meets Bring It On. **EW.COM**



Mötley a more clean-cut Crüe

KEITH CARMAN
for Metro Canada

They may have had their hands on more pharmaceuticals than Pfizer, enough brawls to embarrass Ultimate Fighters and boast rap sheets longer than Al Capone but there's one thing legendary brash rock 'n' rollers Mötley Crüe just can't seem to face.

The cold. "Me and my Chuck Taylors with holes in them aren't gonna fare well up there," jokes bassist Nikki Sixx about the band's forthcoming cross-Canada Dead Of Winter Tour.

"We think the title is funny. We were talking about going up there because we love Canada. Someone said, 'Yeah, right in the dead of winter.' There you go! That's the name of the tour!"

Despite decades of portrayal as a gruff, leather-clad naughty boy, Sixx is quite the charmer. Out to ensure this tour is packed to the rafters, he wisely addresses Canada's inherent identity crisis with carefully chosen words.

Discussing why Mötley Crüe (completed by guitarist Mick Mars, singer Vince Neil and drummer Tommy Lee) would bother to cross our country at the worst possible time, he pours it on thicker than molasses in, well, January. "Canadian fans have been our best fans, influential worldwide about people being aware of the resurrection of Mötley Crüe all the way back to 2004. Even in the old days, you were instrumental in writing fan mail, calling radio stations and getting our name out there."

Speaking of dedication, Sixx is quick to point out that despite The Crüe's raucous image and well-documented in-fighting that has resulted in many break-ups and solitary de-



Mötley Crüe play in Toronto tonight as part the Dead Of Winter Tour

partures (via their shocking 2001 biography The Dirt), the Dead Of Winter Tour finds one of modern rock's most decadent, debauched and dysfunctional bands surprisingly co-pacetic.

"We were just in rehearsals. Everyone pulls up, hugs each other and someone asks what to start with. 'How about, Doctor Feelgood?' 'Ok, then we'll end with Shout At The Devil.' We run through 20 songs, sit down and have a laugh, then we go home. That's it? That's all the drama? The drama lives in fable; in books and in folklore."

"We have our ups and downs but we love each other," he continues. "It took time (because) you're in a marriage. At first, you're madly in love and then all of a sudden the other person squeezes the toothpaste tube from the middle instead of the bottom and you hate them."

"After a while of living with

them, you learn to let little things go and then you fall back in love with them." So while attitudes within the Crüe camp

"We have our ups and downs but we love each other."

Nikki Sixx

have warmed up, Sixx admits that it's not enough to get them through The Great White North.

That's why they've created their own retaliation to winter chill. "We're gonna give you two things," he laughs. "Loud, dirty rock 'n' roll and a lot of pyro to heat up the place. We'll need it because it's so effin' cold up there."

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(Left) Kristen Bell and (right) Malin Akerman in Couples Retreat.

A Canuck in comedy

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

PROFILE Toronto-native Malin Akerman has really come into her own in Hollywood in recent years.

The young actress starred alongside Ben Stiller in The Heartbreak Kid, played a flawed superhero in Watchmen, and most recently shared the screen with Vince Vaughn and Jon Favreau in Couples Retreat (arriving on DVD Friday). For Akerman, the experience has been well beyond anything she ever expected.

"It's been a pretty strange experience," Akerman told Metro. "I've worked with phenomenal comedians who I've idolized for my entire life. To all of a sudden see my face on the same poster as Vince Vaughn was pretty surreal."

Couples Retreat offered Akerman a rare opportunity to be involved with a movie throughout the creative process. With Vaughn and Favreau also working as screenwriters, the entire cast was encouraged to expand their roles.

"It was nice because they were in the middle of cleaning up the script and rewriting certain things when I came on board," revealed Akerman. "So be-

fore we even started shooting, Vince and I had a good five hours when we went through all the scenes and improvised. Sometimes when you're working with people who have written the material they can be really keen on their words, but this was a huge collaborative effort."

Though known primarily as a comic actress, Akerman now wants to expand her career with dramatic roles.

"Often when you're cast in a certain genre people only see you in that light, which in my case is comedy," said Akerman.

"So, I've tried to veer away from that recently. This year I worked on three different independent films that are not comedies just to show what I can do in the hopes of opening up other doors."

In the coming months, audiences will be treated to a more serious side of the actress in the ensemble dramas HappyThankYouMorePlease and The Romantics (both of which premiered at the 2010 Sundance Film Festival) as well as the Canadian-funded apartheid feature The Bang Bang Club. Through these projects, Akerman found that she thrived in the fast paced world of independent filmmaking.

"I loved it. The turn around is faster and you become very close to everyone you work with."

"There's a nice feeling on the set that you're all in it for the right reasons and really want to be there," says the actress.

However, Akerman admits that she has no desire to ditch Hollywood entirely any time soon.

At the moment, she's happy to try it all.

Couples Retreat is out on DVD Friday

Jackson doctor to be arraigned tomorrow: Source

LEGAL A source tells The Associated Press Michael Jackson's doctor, Dr. Conrad Murray, is set to be arraigned tomorrow afternoon at a courthouse near Los Angeles International Airport, according to a person familiar with the planning but who declined to be named because of the sensitivity of the situation.

Prosecutors have declined to say when or whether they will charge Murray.

Two law enforcement sources have told the AP

Murray in default on debt: Judge

• A judge in Las Vegas has found Michael Jackson's former doctor in default on a nearly \$132,000 debt related to office medical equipment and services.

that prosecutors plan to charge Murray with involuntary manslaughter.

The officials requested anonymity because they are not authorized to publicly discuss the case.

Murray and his legal

team said yesterday they have not received word about a decision from the district attorney. Attorney Ed Chernoff says his client will surrender if charged.

Murray told police he administered Jackson a powerful anesthetic and other sedatives shortly before the singer's death June 25.

Murray maintains nothing he gave Jackson should have killed him. "I haven't received any phone call from anybody asking for the doctor to surrender," Chernoff said. "If we get the call, we'll be happy to."

Jackson, 50, hired Murray to be his personal physician as he prepared for a strenuous series of comeback performances in London.

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Lost and found?

Hopeful, breathless, even fretful over what may lie ahead or be forever unexplained, *Lost* fans have welcomed back the ABC mystical thriller for its sixth season — the beginning of its long-coming, too-close-for-comfort finale.

Two of the final 18 hours were aired Tuesday as its season premiere, after a warm-up *Lost* for Dummies recap that, even for the most devoted disciple, offered helpful cues to the ever-escalating mythology.

But did this double-dip opener address the pair of island mysteries gnawing at viewers since last May?

What was the upshot of the kookie nuclear explosion Jack (Matthew Fox) masterminded to rewrite history and render the series' whole storyline moot? And what's the scoop with the dead John Locke (Terry O'Quinn) coexisting with



Evangeline Lilly and Josh Holloway in a scene from *Lost*. The end is coming May 23, according to creators of the series.

his very-much-alive John Locke look-alike? (Warning: possible pesky spoilers ahead.)

Well, Jack is seen back on Oceanic Airlines Flight 815, and despite several moments of troubling turbulence, soon enough all seems well.

"Looks like we made it," Jack says to a fellow passenger as the flight smooths out.

Was this a replay of the original flight, just before the plane was pulled apart by electromagnetic energy and crashed in the series premiere?

Maybe Jack's grand plan to prevent the crash didn't work.

Or maybe it did. Then the action shifts to the island and the construction site of the Swan station, where the nuclear bomb had been detonated to cap the deep pocket of electromagnetic forces. Jack, Kate (Evangeline Lilly) and Sawyer (Josh Holloway) are bloodied and shaken up by the explosion.

And Juliet (Elizabeth Mitchell), who set off the nuke after plunging to the bottom of the shaft, is found by Sawyer alive. Alive long enough for their tearful farewell, anyway.

Elsewhere, the island's uber-boss, Jacob (Mark Pellegrino), who was apparently stabbed and burned to death in last season's finale, seems in fine fettle long enough to declare, "I died an hour ago."

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Lost airs Tuesdays on CTV and ABC

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	32	32	32	CBS	WBZ News (N)	Evening News	Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Surviving Survivor (N)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigat'n	The Mentalist	
	69	69	69	CFTM	TVA nouvelles	Le Cercle (SC)	La Série Montréal-Québec (N)	Dieu merci! (N) (SC)	Juste pour rire (N) (SC)	Juste pour rire (N) (SC)	TVA nouvelles	
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	9	9	9	CJCH	The Vampire Diaries (N)	The Vampire Diaries (N)	The Mentalist "Redline"	CSI: Crime Scene Investigat'n	Grey's Anatomy (N)	Grey's Anatomy (N)	CTV News	
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	36	36	36	FOX	Seinfeld	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Bones (HDTV) (N)	Fringe "Jacksonville" (N)	Fox First	
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	29	29	29	NW	(6) Power & Politics	(6) Power & Politics	Connect Today's biggest stories. (N)	Connect Today's biggest stories. (N)	Community (N)	CBC News: The National	Nature/ Things	
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	54	54	54	GOLF	(6) PGA Tour Golf Northern Trust Open, Final Round.	(6) PGA Tour Golf Northern Trust Open, Final Round.	Overtime	NHL Hockey Vancouver Canucks at Ottawa Senators. (HDTV) (Live)	NHL Hockey Vancouver Canucks at Ottawa Senators. (HDTV) (Live)	Bud Shootout Selection Show (HDTV) (Live)	Cooper 360	
	52	52	52	RSE	Connected W-Prime Time	Connected W-Prime Time	Score on NFL	FullTiltPoker.net Million	World Poker Tour	Hardcore Champ. Fight	Sportsnet Con.	
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	53	53	53	TSN	Curling	SportsCentre	That's Hockey!	Curling Scotties Tournament of Hearts. From Kindersley, Sask. (Live)	Curling Scotties Tournament of Hearts. From Kindersley, Sask. (Live)	Curling Scotties Tournament of Hearts. From Kindersley, Sask. (Live)	Sportsnet Con.	
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	38	38	38	DISC	Cash Cab	How It's Made	Daily Planet (N)	Hitler's Hidden City	Hitler's Hidden City	42 Ways to Kill Hitler	MythBusters	
	34	34	34	HGTV	Extreme Makeover: Home	Extreme Makeover: Home	House Hunters	Property Virgin	Holmes Inspection	House-Bryan	House Hunters	
	46	46	46	HIST	Ancestors	Ancestors	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Ancient Discoveries (N)	Ancestors	Nostradamus	
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	67	67	67	RDI	RDI monde	RDI économie	24 Heures en 60 minutes (SC)	Grands reportages (SC)	Le Téléjournal (SC)	Le Téléjournal (SC)	RDI économie	
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	40	40	40	SLICE	What Happen?	Wedding SOS	Rich Bride Poor Bride	X-Weighted	Caprica "Rebirth"	Lost "LA X (Parts 1 and 2)" (N)	Re-Vamped	
	47	47	47	SPACE	Stargate SG-1	Stargate SG-1	Stargate Atlantis (DVS)	Caprica "Rebirth"	UFC Unleashed	TNA IMPACT! (HDTV) (N)	Re-Vamped	
	14	14	14	SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investg.	CSI: Crime Scene Investg.	CSI: Crime Scene Investg.	UFC Unleashed	TNA IMPACT! (HDTV) (N)	The View (HDTV) (N)	Dr. Oz Show	
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	56	34	34	TROP	Planet Soap	Comeback	Reality	Whatever	Family Guy	Seinfeld	70s Show	
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critics' corner

Hyper Parents & Coddled Kids

In North America, they're called "helicopter parents" for the way they hover. In Sweden, they're "curling parents," sweeping the metaphorical ice for their kids. No matter what you call it, over-involved and overprotective parenting could backfire big-time, according to this documentary. 9 PM on CBC



Surviving Survivor

Hang on, "Survivor" fans: the new season is almost here. In the meantime, you can get your show fix from this special, which includes highlights from past seasons and interviews with popular contestants, along with a preview of the new "Heroes vs. Villains" all-alumni competition, which kicks off next Thursday. 9 PM on CBS, CHIF

Crazy Canucks

This 2005 docudrama tells the Cinderella story of the five Canadian skiers who broke Europe's monopoly on alpine glory in the mid-1970s. Lucas Bryant, Sandy Robson, Robert Tinkler, Kyle Labine and Curtis Harrison star as, respectively, Ken Read, "Jungle" Jim Hunter, Dave Irwin, Dave Murray and Steve Podborski. Gabriel Hogan plays their coach, Scott Henderson, with Joe Norman Shaw as the assistant coach. 10 PM on BRAVO

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A huge stunning mural and colourful Turkish pottery set the scene for an authentic Turkish lunch.

The place is hopping, as are the servers, who welcome us warmly.

We are brought water — an entire pitcher — as we order two appetizers. Cheese Borek (\$5.55) consists of deep fried phyllo dough triangles with feta cheese. They are surprisingly light.

Shrimp Guvech (\$5.55) has three perfectly cooked delicious shrimp. We sop up the rich tomato sauce with slices of freshly made warm pita bread.

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The accompanying salad is refreshing.

Our knowledgeable server informs us the lamb is local. Bravo. Lamb Tenderloin (\$15.75) is a generous serving of tasty — and tender — meat served with rice and salad with chili sauce and

cacik (yogurt, garlic and cucumber spread).

Yogurt Kebab (\$14.75) has both lamb and grilled chicken in a flavourful yogurt tomato sauce, also accompanied by rice and salad.

Only our Turkish coffee (\$2) disappoints as it lacks the expected intensity.

Since it's my companion's birthday, the servers serenade her over a scrumptious Chocolate Bomb. Not Turkish, but a warm and sweet finish.



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In brief

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METRO HALIFAX

How to make your Olympic-themed party a winner

PLANNING Let the Games begin! And so will the parties as Canadians not attending the actual Vancouver Winter Games will be hosting or attending television soirees to marvel over the opening ceremonies Friday, Feb. 12.

So whether you are supporting your favourite biathlete, rooting for your home country to score the winning goal at the hockey rink or admiring the skaters' Salchows, the Games are a perfect reason to throw a bash of Olympic proportions.

Vancouver event specialist Lesley Stowe, whose company is sponsoring Canada's ski-jumping team, offers some ideas and tips for hosting a fun and easy Olympic-themed party.

A French-trained chef and owner of Lesley Stowe's Fine Foods which makes Raincoast Crisps, she is also a skier and entertains frequently.

"Set the tone and festive spirit of the party by weaving Olympic themes into several tasteful decorations," she suggests.

"Light tiki torches to imitate the Olympic flame and lay out napkins in the five colours of the Olympic rings."

Since the focus is on television, Stowe says to create a comfortable viewing zone that will allow the

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Vancouver event specialist Lesley Stowe, poses with her gold martini creation.

"Go with Greek to reflect the origin of the Olympics or West Coast flavours to reflect this year's host city."

Lesley Stowe

majority of guests to watch the action at the same time.

"Re-situate your television or seating if necessary. I've also heard that many homeowners are renting large-screen televisions for the Games," she says.

If serving food, Stowe suggests preparing a buffet-style spread using an Olympic theme for the items on the menu.

"Go with Greek to reflect the origin of the Olympics or West Coast flavours to reflect this year's host city."

The latter could be appetizers using smoked

salmon, shrimp and oysters as a start.

"Cut down on your preparation time in the kitchen by organizing a potluck meal," she suggests. "Assign each guest or couple with a participating country and ask them to bring an appetizer item from that region."

Stowe also suggests getting guests actively involved with the events by stimulating a friendly competition in the nature of an amateur betting pool.

"Prepare score cards with the athletes of countries participating in the events and have guests vote on the winners or

scores," she says.

Also set up a kid-friendly party room in the rec room or basement to prevent babysitter stress.

"Have an older sibling or designated helper in charge of organizing the activities and serving food so that the adults can enjoy the party without constant interruptions," she says.

"For easy and fun food, feature an around-the-world theme and denote each item with a small flag identifying the country of origin. Try pizza from Italy, pierogies from Poland or sushi from Japan."

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Ahead of the Valentine's Day rush, Beverly Hills 90210's Ian Ziering has changed his Facebook status from being "in a relationship" to "engaged." "Her name is Erin Kristine Ludwig," Ziering, 45, tells People magazine. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Gearing up for rehab

A JUDGE SMACK DOWN Redmond O'Neal has vowed to turn his life around, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The troubled 25-year-old son of Ryan O'Neal and late actress Farrah Fawcett penned a note promising to leave his "old ideas behind" as he was released from jail on drug offences and moved to a residential treatment centre on Tuesday.

The note, obtained by website Radar Online, said, "My plan is to go back with a new attitude and leave

my old ideas behind. I am committed to doing this thing."

On Tuesday, Judge Michael Tynan gave Redmond another chance to put his life back together, by allowing him to be returned to Impact, a residential treatment centre in Pasadena, where he has previously been treated.

The judge said, "The plan for you is severe, and justifiably so. We all want you to do well,

but it's up to you."

It was during an earlier spell at a different Los Angeles treatment centre that Redmond relapsed and was sent back to jail last December. He was found in possession of heroin during a routine security check by deputies in the car park of Pitchess Detention Center.

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Johnalina doesn't really work

BUT WHO WOULDN'T WANT TO DISCUSS HIS ACTING METHOD? While Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie may be quietly ignoring breakup rumours, one source says that she's already moved on and has set her sights on Johnny Depp, who she'll be co-starring with in The

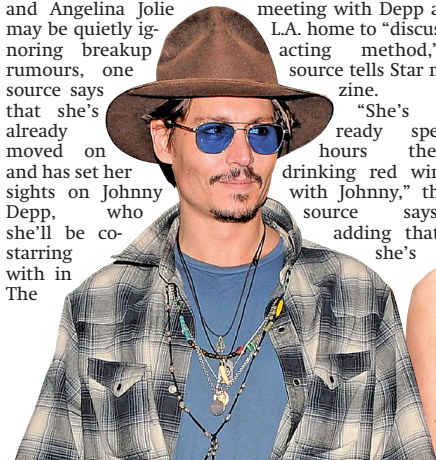
Tourist.

In preparation, Jolie has reportedly insisted on meeting with Depp at his L.A. home to "discuss his acting method," a source tells Star magazine.

"She's already spent hours there drinking red wine with Johnny," the source says, adding that she's

also been bombarding him with flirty e-mails and phone calls. They begin filming in Venice at the end of February, and "Angie told Brad she's going to Italy without him," the source adds.

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Brittany's bash cancelled

WHY DOES THIS WHOLE THING FEEL SO DARN DODGY? A charity event to honour Brittany Murphy and raise money for the new Brittany Murphy Foundation scheduled for yesterday evening was mysteriously cancelled earlier this week by Murphy's husband, Simon Monjack, according to TMZ.

While Monjack reportedly insists the event was simply postponed, a call to the Beverly Hills Temple of the Arts, where it was to take place, doesn't reveal any rescheduling information, and an e-mail to guests

reads, "So sorry but the memorial has been canceled due to an illness in the family." Monjack was reportedly soliciting \$1,000 in donations from each guest.

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Reese wants a piece

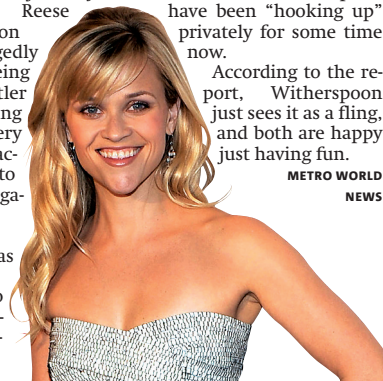
OF DELICIOUS BUTT-LE While getting over Jake Gyllenhaal, Reese Witherspoon has allegedly been seeing Gerard Butler and keeping it very, very quiet, according to Star magazine.

Though Butler was recently linked to co-star Jennifer Aniston,

sources tell the magazine that he and Witherspoon have been "hooking up" privately for some time now.

According to the report, Witherspoon just sees it as a fling, and both are happy just having fun.

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DAVID SPADE wants to clear some things up, **KIRSTIE ALLEY** doesn't appreciate her company, **JIM CARREY** has figured out his place in the world, and **SANDRA BERNHARD** doesn't have high hopes for Barbie. @davidspade i was kidding when tmz asked me my favorite dinner was and i said spaghetti and 8 balls. just so everyone knows, it just sounded funny to me @kirstiealley Did someone open the gates of hell and unleash all the psychos this week? I never believed in that full moon stuff until now. go home crazies @JimCarrey television is weirdos judging weirdos viewed by weirdos who are just glad there are weirder weirdos out there. like me DAMN IT! @SandraBernhard barbies next career a bag screener at jfk

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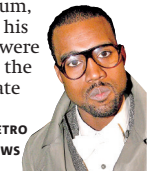


Spoiled baby

WONDER IF HE KICKED AND PUNCHED THE GROUND, TOO? Kanye West didn't kick up much of a fuss at the Grammys this year, but he reportedly did on his flight back to New York the next day. The rapper was appalled to find himself seated in business class instead of first class, according to Page Six, so West pitched a fit.

"He wanted to be bumped up," a source says. Apparently, after enough of a tantrum, West and his assistant were moved to the appropriate cabin.

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Stars hitting the higher notes for Haiti

LET'S HOPE IT HELPS Help for Haiti after last month's devastating earthquake continues to pour in from Hollywood.

While Celine Dion and Wyclef Jean joined an all-star cast to record a new ver-

sion of We Are the World earlier this week, Simon Cowell reportedly put together a celebrity charity single of his own, recruiting Robbie Williams, Leona Lewis, Rod Stewart and others to sing REM's Everybody Hurts.

And Jennifer Aniston is joining forces with American Cares to host a benefit screening of The Last Station, complete with post-screening cocktails and a chat with director Michael Hoffman, according to Hollyscoop.

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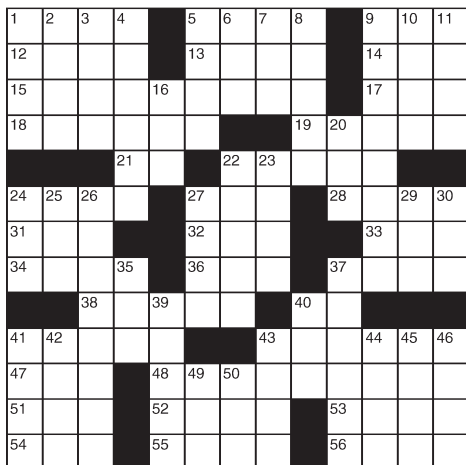
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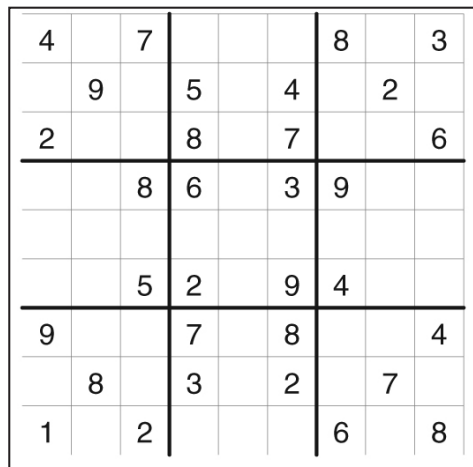
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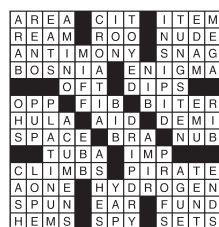
Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



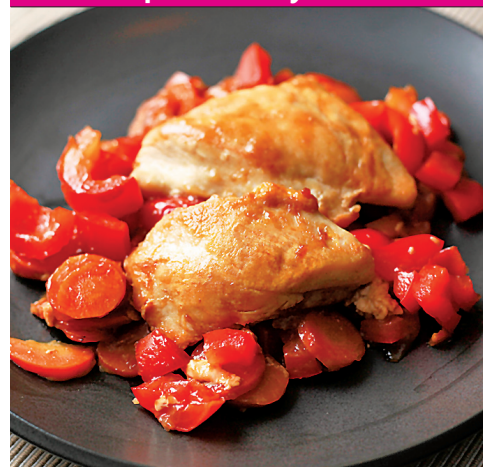
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Metro Recipe of the Day



Sweet Orange Chicken Stir Fry

Submitted by Debra Bashford, Cherry Valley, Ont.

INGREDIENTS:

1 tbsp water
2 tsp cornstarch
1 tsp extra virgin olive oil
1 pound boneless, skinless chicken thighs quartered
3/4 cup thinly sliced carrots
1/4 cup chopped red pepper
3/4 cup orange juice
1 tbsp brown sugar
2 tsp balsamic vinegar
2 Tsp hoisin sauce
salt & pepper to taste

browned. Add carrots and peppers.
3. Combine orange juice, brown sugar, balsamic, hoisin sauce and salt and pepper in a small bowl.
4. Add to chicken mixture. Stir. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low. Simmer, covered, for about 6 minutes until chicken is no longer pink inside and veggies are tender crisp.
5. Stir in cornstarch mixture. Heat and stir for about 1 minute until thickened.

SERVES 4

PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES
COOK TIME: 10 MINUTES

METHOD:

1. Stir water into cornstarch in small cup. Set aside.
2. Heat large frying pan or wok on medium-high until very hot. Add cooking oil. Add chicken. Stir-fry for about 5 minutes until



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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Cosmic activity in your opposite sign of Libra may incline you to believe that everyone is against you, but are they really?



TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21
You should stop trying to control everything that happens and let fate guide you in a more profitable direction.



LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23
You will be open to alternative viewpoints today, even if you are one of those Librans who take it as a personal insult when other people disagree with you.



SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22
Today's cosmic influences urge you to give up resisting what is going to happen whether you like it or not.



GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21
You may live more in the head than the heart but today's cosmic influences suggest you will be softer and gentler than usual.



SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21
Are you living up to the image you have in your mind of who and what you should be? If the answer is No, now is the time to do something about it.



CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22
Try not to be quite so distrustful today. If someone approaches you with an idea don't turn them away — listen carefully to what they have to say.



CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20
If you find it difficult to get excited about the task that is in front of you it probably means you should be doing something else.



LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23
Something will happen over the next few days that makes all your current plans redundant, so why force yourself to do things you don't enjoy?



AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18
All your fears and anxieties will seem irrelevant today and you will feel a great sense of mental and emotional completeness.



VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22
You will be in an unusually forgiving mood today; you cannot be bothered to make an issue of things.



PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20
You are an extremely sensitive person and that sensitivity will serve you well today, especially if you have to work out why someone is acting so strangely.



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